



# NEWS RELEASE

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United States Attorney Deborah R. Gilg and the Omaha Police Department announce the following information for the attention of the media:

**Event Triggering this Release:**

On March 25, 2011, Matthew M. Root was sentenced to a term of 60 months in prison on one count of conspiracy to distribute crack cocaine, one count of possession with intent to distribute marijuana and one count of possession with intent to distribute marijuana and cocaine. The case resulted from an investigation conducted by the Omaha Police Department.

**Name of Defendant:** Matthew M. Root

**AKA:**

**Age:** 31

**City of residence:** Omaha, NE

**Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty:**

Ct. 1- Consp. distr.& pwid 5 g or more cocaine base; 5-40 yrs, \$2,000,000 fine, TSR ≥ 4 yrs, \$100 SA

**Specific Location of Alleged Crime:** Omaha, Nebraska

**Location of Arrest:** Omaha, NE

**Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug:** 5 grams or more of cocaine base, marijuana and cocaine

**Others Charged in Same Scheme:** NA

**Relevant Dates:**

**Date of Alleged Crime:** February 2007-March 2008

**Federal Arrest Date:** 10/19/10

**Date Complaint Issued:** NA

**Indictment Returned Date:** 4/24/08

**Initial Appearance Date:** 10/21/10

**Trial and Date(s):** NA

**Sentencing Date:** 3/25/11

**Next Court Hearing Type and Date:** NA

**Assigned Magistrate Judge:** Hon. Thomas D. Thalken

**Held without Bond, or Released from Custody:** Held without Bond

**In Continuous Custody Since:** 10/19/10

**Assigned District Court Judge:** Hon. Lyle E. Strom

**Initials of Assigned AUSA/Preparer of THIS Release:** JEH/cb